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**Organization and management of forthcoming Population Census
in the Republic of Tajikistan in 2010**

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Summary

The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), at its meeting held in Washington, D.C. (United States) on 19-20 October 2006, approved the renewed terms of reference for the Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses and the plan for future CES activities on population and housing censuses. The CES Bureau also agreed that the Steering Group would coordinate the work on the diverse types of meetings. The present paper was prepared on request by the Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses, for presentation and discussion at the Joint UNECE/Eurostat Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses in Astana (Kazakhstan), 4-6 June 2007. The paper provides substantive basis for the discussion in the session of the meeting dedicated to "Census technology: recent developments and implications on census methodology".

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1. In Resolution 2005/13 of the UN Economic and Social Council of 22 July 2005, which has been approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, it was emphasized the importance of the 2010 World Population and Housing Censuses Programme as a source of information for effective social and economic planning. The Resolution contains an urgent appeal to member countries to conduct a Population Census and reinforce the support of this program. The Republic of Tajikistan along with other countries around the world began the preparations for the next national Population Census.
2. In accordance with the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan n.605 “On Population Census” adopted on 22 May 1998 and with the objective of collecting data on size and distribution of the population in the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan, with the purpose of analyzing development prospects of the social, economic and demographic processes, the Decision n.282 “On preparation and implementation of Population Census in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2010” was approved by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on 1 August 2005, where preparation, implementation, elaboration and publication of population census results are entrusted to the State Committee on Statistics of the Republic of Tajikistan.
3. According to the above-stated Decision, all the ministries, departments, local executive bodies of public authorities are supposed to provide comprehensive assistance to statistical bodies with the purpose of timely and quality implementation of this activity. For the proper organization and implementation of the population census, special population census units were established in the central body of the State Committee on Statistics of Tajikistan, as well as in regional statistical divisions.
4. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan also adopted on 4 July 2006 the additional decision n.312 “On additional measures for conducting the Population Census in the Republic of Tajikistan in 2010”. This document specifies the specific tasks for the ministries and departments of the republic that are going to participate in the preparation and implementation of the forthcoming population census, and appoints the Chairperson and members of the State support commission for population census.
5. For the approbation of organizational and methodological aspects of the 2010 population census, as well as to develop the project and the technological processing of the materials, a region is selected for conducting a Pilot population census, which is expected to start in autumn 2008.
6. The questions of the questionnaire for the forthcoming population census were prepared and sent to ministries, departments, scientific establishments of the republic, executive government bodies for consideration and submission of their recommendations and remarks.
7. At present, based on the suggestions and remarks received, work is being conducted on the elaboration of the population census questionnaire for 2010, and on the preparation of documentation for the Pilot population census.
